

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Monday, April 20, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held via Google Meets on Monday, April 20, 2020. Members present were: Erickson, Hansen, Kelsey, Myers, Pankonin, Rogotzke, and Stavnes. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee, Elementary Principal Friesen, Principal Goetstouwers, Representatives from INGENSA, Leonard Runck, Jeff Dehler, Mary Pat McNeil, Barb Lenning, Greg Ewing and Doreen Kronback.

Chairman Rogotzke called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Myers to approve the Agenda as amended, the March 16, 2020 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Jeff Dehler and Mary Pat McNeil presented a Referendum Communications presentation explaining how they can assist with the District's needs to inform the public about the Levy and Bond Referendums. They discussed the Task Force, Administration and Board members roles in the process.

INGENSA representatives presented information about the cost of operating the Gymnasium, Fitness Center and Auto Shop. Due to lower construction and material costs, a drop in interest rates a new school facility cost would drop approximately \$2.9 million.

Elementary Principal Friesen presented the following E-4 Principal Report: Hired Shania Kinghorn for Grade 2 position; Restructuring Grade 3 to one section with Mrs. Maras as classroom teacher with Mrs. Batalden .2% grade 3 classroom core subjects and .8% Special Education; Bernadette Thooft has been hired as a Special Education Teacher, will be needed in elementary and middle school; Heather Hacker has resigned; Will need a Para for Kindergarten, Jason McNamara working with middle school students; To help with transitioning for Grades 5 & 6 a Title I Para is needed; No group celebration for AR awards, AR program will continue during distance learning for Grades 1 – 4 with book reports instead of testing, Mrs. Hubert has chosen books of interest to each student that will be sent home for the reports; Pre K Conferences moved to a date later than May 11 & 12; Distance learning, parents call teacher about concerns, staff is prepared for the next phase; Meeting with each team of staff to document materials going to students; Staff is getting to know the parents; Extended Mid-Terms until April 22; Kindergarten Roundup will be a Virtual Registration on Facebook; Kitchen Staff has been a delight to work with on meal planning and trying new recipes for everyday meal delivery; The Easter Bunny was there for lunch pickups; Staff working on class roster for fall Pre K and K-1; and Covid Daycare is provided for 5 children by local Daycare Providers at \$2.00/hour, may increase if farmers need daycare for children, provided only the days Preschool would be in session;

E-12 Curriculum report: Distance learning has made it easy to do e-learning in the school year for inclement weather and emergencies; Still waiting for Chromebooks for grade 2 distance learning; Health Curriculum has been chosen and ordered; Ordering Title I manuals for 3 staff members; Math Curriculum chose "Big Ideas" K-6 are looking at components to order, Pre K are getting My Math by McGraw, Middle school will keep curriculum but purchase used replacement Algebra books; Sara and Brett are working on Health Standards; all standardized testing is cancelled, ACT testing fees returned to students; NWEA test will be given immediately in the fall to determine Title I help and it uncertain how the lack of test results will affect building goals.

Principal Goetstouwers presented the following 5-12 Leadership Report: US News and World Report for schools status will be released tomorrow, hoping to remain the same or better than the past years; State FFA Convention will be a three day Virtual Awards Program; Grades 5 – 12 are using Google Classroom for the distant learning, those families without internet service are receiving paper packets with their work, 20% of the students are not

completing their work, there is conversations between principal, staff, parents and teachers about under achievement by the student; 10 Seniors are not achieving enough to graduate; Teachers comment, students and parents are having trouble teaching students, hopeful all students are trying their hardest; Talked with Senior class about Prom, Graduation etc., the Senior class advisors and officers will make decisions concerning the Senior events; Pre registration has started for next year; AP exams will be given one time, students will need to access on line testing 30 minutes early, Statistics will be May 22 at 1:00 p.m.; Alexa Stark will receive an FFA Award at the Virtual Awards Program; Hired an Agriculture Education/FFA teacher with three years' experience; English Teacher will have an double overload, English/Shop teacher is being hired; Second reading of Social Studies policy has been postponed; School Presentations prepared a Student Survey to gauge teachers effectiveness, level of engagement and relationship with students, surveys are 40% completed; Mid-terms due Wednesday; Senior Class Trip money cannot be reimbursed to the students, can be used to purchase shirts apparel, etc., will have Senior Class, Advisor and Administration decide how the money will be spent; Graduation, not likely in person, exploring other options involving video recording of graduate, possible Saturday parade in each community with graduates lead and followed by a bus Wednesday before graduation all bills must be paid and discussed fees coming out of Senior Fund.

Superintendent Lee reported the following: Cafeteria Staff prepare 200 meals a day, have received a waiver for the menu items in case food doesn't arrive on time; Thank you was received for the ear savers made with the 3D printer and given to VVM; Graduation plan is being developed, will make event memorable; April 22 materials for the rest of the school year will be handed out to students incase school is not opened for students, assignments will be picked up two days in May; Will not hire summer help, the staff is working on cleaning now; Some unknowns about extending the levy, could reduce amount at Truth and Taxation; Unsure when property tax money will come in, not a panic situation at this time; Daycare has been provided for 3 families, tier two may include agriculture families; Alcohol sales on Baseball Field request, lawyer says no because of liability, Long Sox would have to guarantee no liability to the District, if needed an agreement could be drawn up to be looked over; Fundraising need to rethink what happens to money received from fundraising, UFARS states that the money cannot be returned to students, the Board may need to have a policy for Fundraiser Funds in the future and Prom Fest money question.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Kelsey and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$124,620.37. Final check #32164

Upon motion of Myers, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve the resignations of Phil Goetstouwers, High School Principal; Megan Chico, Agriculture Education/FFA teacher; Heather Hacker, Special Education Teacher; Susan Wilmes, Fall Musical Director; Sharlla Maras, JV Softball Coach; Brett Bartholomaus, Assistant Varsity Football Coach and thank them for their years of service to the District.

Member Pankonin made a motion for the Resolution to dissolve the cooperative sponsorship of wrestling:
WHEREAS, Wabasso High School and Red Rock Central High School intend to field a school Wrestling program in their individual schools: and

WHEREAS, each school believes that by offering their own school program, stronger internal student interest will exist therefore providing long term viability of wrestling in each district:
and

WHEREAS, each school is positioned to provide competitive wrestling programs for the indefinite future without the cooperative program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Wabasso High School and Red Rock Central High School dissolve their cooperative sponsorship of wrestling beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

Member Kelsey seconded the motion.

Roll call vote. Those voting in favor: Kelsey, Pankonin, Myers, Hansen, Erickson, Stavnes and Rogotzke.

Those against: None. Motion carried

Upon motion of Myers, seconded by Hansen and unanimously carried to the purchase of a new Health Curriculum at a cost of \$12,722.00.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve the new Policy on Senior Math.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve hiring Rachel Moe as the Agriculture Science Teacher, FFA Advisor and FFA 12-day stipend.

Upon motion of Erikson, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to hire Bernadette Thooft as a Special Education teacher.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Myers and unanimously carried to hire Shania Kinghorn as the Second Grade Teacher, Junior High Assistant Volleyball Coach and Junior Varsity B Squad Softball Coach.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to hire Brett Bartholomaus as the Junior High Football Coach.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Hanson and unanimously carried to approve hiring Sharlla Maras as a Volleyball Coach.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Myers and unanimously carried to approve hiring Greg Ewing as the High School Principal.

Other items discussed: School District Survey vs more information; Vote for referendums may take more than one vote; Referendum Discussion; Changes to Survey and Negotiations with Non-Certified Staff.

Upon motion of Myers, seconded by Kelsey the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Chad Stavnes, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Reporter